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Security Council

10 a.m. — 6017th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Maintenance of international peace and security[1]

   Strengthening collective security through general regulation and reduction of armaments

   Letter dated 10 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/697)

[1] Speakers are kindly requested to limit their statement to *no more than five minutes*.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. — 55th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/63/2) [9]

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [111]

Joint debate

Announcement

The rearrangement of the front page of the *Journal of the United Nations* is in accordance with paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 60/286 of 8 September 2006 (A/RES/60/286).

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held as follows, in Conference Room 6:

Today, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

Thursday, 20 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and
Friday, 21 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

The compilations and Facilitators' proposals are available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office. For further information, including background materials, please consult that site <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

The announcement concerning the Conference and its proposed organization of work appears on page 18.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 65 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) to (c), chaired by H.E. Ms. Sylvie Lucas (Luxembourg), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations of the process on strengthening international environmental governance to hear feedback from delegations on the revised draft resolution will be held on Tuesday, 25, and Wednesday, 26 November 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 3

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 3

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/63/282, A/63/132, A/63/298, A/62/274, A/61/861, A/61/850, A/61/732, A/61/30/Add.1, A/63/310, A/63/310/Add.1, A/63/310/Add.2, A/63/310/Add.3, A/62/315, A/62/628, A/62/628/Add.1, A/C.5/62/L.9, A/63/202, A/62/186, A/61/206, A/62/890, A/61/957, A/63/208, A/62/215, A/61/806, A/61/806/Add.1, A/63/189, A/62/185, A/61/1029, A/63/285, A/61/822, A/63/301, A/62/285, A/63/290, A/63/204, A/62/845, A/62/845/Add.1, A/61/283, A/61/694, A/61/694/Add.1, A/62/707, A/62/707/Add.1, A/63/221, A/62/7/Add.14 (Sects. III-X), A/63/526, A/63/526/Corr.1, A/C.5/63/3, A/C.5/63/3/Add.1 and A/C.5/63/3/Add.2))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Third session

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting (closed) of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Wednesday, 19 November 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.25, entitled "Legal empowerment of the poor and eradication of poverty" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegations of Guatemala and Switzerland)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference" (under agenda item 114 (r)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda, in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia" (under agenda item 65 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Liberia)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (under agenda item 57 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Sierra Leone, on behalf of the African Group)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Human Rights Council (convened by the delegation of Cuba, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on information and communication technologies for development (under agenda item 46) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards a new international economic order" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee (Guyana))

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The role of microcredit and microfinance in the Eradication of Poverty" (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Suriname)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption" (under agenda item 51 (d)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (under agenda item 62 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . In the back of Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . In the back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

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Wednesday, 19 November 2008

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

9–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the omnibus draft resolution on Law of the Sea)

9.15–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

African Group (Second Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

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Wednesday, 19 November 2008

Forum on "Achieving our targets: Stemming the tide of malaria in Africa" (organized by the United States Mission)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "The emerging alliance of religion and ecology", as part of the information series of the Tripartite Forum on Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "Progress in implementing One United Nations reform: Political challenges, parliamentary perspectives" (organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08/191108.pdf>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

Panel discussion on "Choosing our future: Investing in people or spending on weapons?" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica)

From 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Villalobos, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (tel. 1 (212) 986-6373, ext. 16; e-mail villalobos.anacr@gmail.com).]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 19 November 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 20 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 56th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments . . . [105]

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/528)

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/529)

   (c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/530)

   (e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/531)

   (f) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/532)

2. Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: letter from the Secretary-General (A/63/548) . . [154]

3. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 19th meeting on Thursday, 20 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 19th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "The integrated mission planning process" on Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a special meeting in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (314th meeting), on Monday, 24 November 2008, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

Invitations to address the special meeting have been extended to the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the President of the Security Council, a representative of Palestine, the Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territory, several intergovernmental organizations, and a representative of civil society.

All Member States and observers, as well as United Nations agencies and bodies, are invited to attend the special meeting. Messages of solidarity should be sent to the Division for Palestinian Rights (room S-3350), which will be published in a special bulletin of the Division.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Guinea-Bissau configuration
Sierra Leone configuration
High-level briefing

There will be a high-level briefing to members of the Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone configurations of the Peacebuilding Commission on "Drug trafficking as a security threat in West Africa", by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Mr. Antonio Maria Costa, on Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, *at the expert level*, are kindly requested to inscribe with the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, by *Friday, 5 December 2008* (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). Given space limitations, the list of participants in the meeting will be established on a first-come, first-served basis. The documents for the meeting are available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold the second informal briefing on the UNICEF accountability system on Monday, 24 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" (under agenda item 65 a)) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and affected countries)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Belgium)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on information and communication technologies for development (under agenda item 46) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (under agenda item 49 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Kenya)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption" (under agenda item 51 (d)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The role of microcredit and microfinance in the Eradication of Poverty" (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Suriname)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 9 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

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Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-1527A.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (under agenda item 62 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Seventh Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

[Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations staff are invited to attend. For information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail migrationp@un.org).]

African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Group of Eastern European States (at the expert level)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Other forthcoming meetings

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2008 Parliamentary Hearing on "Towards effective peacekeeping and the prevention of conflict — Delivering on our commitments" (jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Office of the President of the General Assembly)

Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08.htm>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Violence against women: 16 days to make a difference"

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Fifth meeting of the "Friends of Human Security" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan and Mexico, in cooperation with the Human Security Unit, Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carly Cohen, Permanent Mission of Japan (tel. 1 (212) 521-1571; e-mail carly-cohen@un-japan.org).]

Briefing for Member States by the Executive Director of the Global Forum on Migration and Development

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All Member States are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail migrationp@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "The irreversible trend of living in an urbanized world: Health matters" (organized by the World Health Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO Office at the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail baileyo@un.org).]

Interactive panel on "Ending impunity and maintaining humanitarian access: Dilemmas in law and practice?" (webcast from United Nations Headquarters by Harvard University, in coordination with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics and the Office of the Chief Information Technology Officer)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room S-2127A (also available in other Headquarters conference rooms).

[All are invited to individually register for the interactive webcast panel at <https://harvardsph.webex.com>. For further information or to register to attend in a conference room, please contact Ms. Hyun Jin Chung, Office of the Chief Information Technology Officer (tel. 1 (212) 963-4144; e-mail chunghj@un.org).]

Briefing by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the work of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Allison Torbet, UNODC New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5698; e-mail torbet@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine)

Monday, 24 November 2008:

Screening of the film entitled "La terre parle arabe", at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Opening of the exhibit entitled "The Palestinians: 60 years of struggle and enduring hope", at 6 p.m., in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building (North-East corner).

[All are invited to attend.]

Interactive panel "On the frontline: Voices of women human rights defenders" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of Public Information, the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Permanent Missions of the Netherlands and the Republic of Korea)

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931). The event will be broadcasted at <www.un.org/webcast>.]

UNITAR Seminar on International Trade and Policy

Monday, 1 December 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

Wednesday, 3 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and

Thursday, 4, and Friday, 5 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; all sessions will take place in Conference Room E.

[To register, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the theme "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Dignity and justice for all of us"

Wednesday, 3 December 2008:

Opening of the International Day

From 9.30 to 9.40 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Seminar on "Implementing the digital accessibility agenda of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (co-organized by UNITAR, G3ict, Global Alliance for ICT and Development, DESA, and the secretariat of the Convention, DESA)

From 9.40 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[To register, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Multimedia presentation on "Protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities through advocacy efforts on the Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on Cluster Munitions: Experience, perspectives and tools from the field" (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

From 1.30 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, UNMAS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4632; e-mail buckleya@un.org).]

Musical performances (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Hungary, in cooperation with the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[To register, please visit <http://social.un.org/absolutefp/3Dec08>. For further information, please contact Ms. Céline-Andrée Adotevi, DESA (e-mail adotevi@un.org).]

UNU panel discussion on "The politics of hydrogen" and book launch (organized by organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information for the event, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre, annexed to the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established. The inscription of non-State entities for participation in the round tables was open until Monday, 17 November.

Non-state entities wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the Financing for Development Office (room DC2-2146; tel. 1 (212) 963-4755; fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail buencamino@un.org).

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430).

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations were kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in New York (room S-201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921), until Monday, 17 November 2008. As of Monday, 24 November 2008, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all other conference-related materials should be submitted for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/63/345) outlines provisional rules of procedure, provisional agenda and proposed timetable of meetings.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 18 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

53rd plenary meeting

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference: report of the Second Committee (A/63/413) . . . . . [48]

The General Assembly decided to adopt draft decisions I to V recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 29 of its report (A/63/413).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 48.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union: draft resolution (A/63/L.26) . . . . . [114 (l)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (l) of agenda item 114.

The representative of Namibia made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.26.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.26 (resolution 63/24).

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Pakistan and El Salvador.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (l) of agenda item 114.

The President made an appeal to those Member States intending to submit draft resolutions on the remaining sub-items to do so as soon as possible.

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/300) . . . . . [102]

The General Assembly decided to take note of document A/63/300.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 102.

Report of the Security Council (A/63/2) . . . . . [9]

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters . . . . . [111]

Joint debate

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mauritius (on behalf of the African States) and Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), as well as by H.E. Mr. Bagudu Hirse, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, and the representatives of France, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Japan, the United States and Pakistan.

54th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/63/2) . . . . . [9]

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters . . . . . [111]

Joint debate

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 9 and 111.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, the Russian Federation, Italy, Liechtenstein, Germany, Switzerland, Tunisia, the Bahamas, Algeria, the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Canada, China, India, Brazil, Kuwait, Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Mexico.

The representative of Morocco made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

Main Committees

Second Committee

27th meeting

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference [48]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.37

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development . . . . . [49]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.24

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.27

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.28 and A/C.2/63/L.30

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolutions, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) . . . . . [50]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.26

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Globalization and interdependence . . . . . [51]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.29

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.33

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) International migration and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.31

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.32

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development . . . . . [49]

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.36 and A/C.2/63/L.14

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.36 contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.36.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.36, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.14 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Chairperson.

Third Committee

40th meeting

International drug control . . . . . [98]

Draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8/Rev1

The Committee continued to hear statements following the adoption of the draft resolution by the representatives of France, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 98.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [39]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.54

The representative of Djibouti introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of the Republic of Moldova.

Angola, Ecuador, Egypt, Israel, Italy, Mauritania and the Sudan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.55

The representative of Jordan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Benin, and orally revised the text.

Nigeria joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.58

The representative of Mauritius introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of African States.

Azerbaijan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [63]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.50/Rev.1

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed.

Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [39]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.54

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Benin joined in sponsoring the draft resolution

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Djibouti.

Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [58]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.47

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Portugal made a statement and announced that Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, the Dominican Republic, Indonesia and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, Denmark, South Africa and Norway.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.47 and agreed to transmit it to the plenary of the General Assembly for its consideration on 10 December.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Japan, New Zealand, Canada, Liechtenstein, Finland, Slovenia, Switzerland, Austria, the Philippines, Poland, Turkey, Germany, Sweden and Australia.

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance . [62 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Angola, the Dominican Republic, Iraq, Myanmar and Namibia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.49, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 122 to 1, with 54 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries) and the United States. After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Ukraine.

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [63]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.48

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement and announced that Liberia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Central African Republic, the Comoros, Guinea, Iraq and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries) and Ukraine.

Implementation of human rights instruments . . . . . [64 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.18/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Denmark made a statement and announced that Cape Verde, the Dominican Republic, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Nicaragua and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Bangladesh, Belarus, Burundi, Georgia, Madagascar, Mali, Micronesia (Federated States of), the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Israel and the United Kingdom.

41st meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.19/Rev.1 and amendments contained in documents A/C.3/63/L.62, A/C.3/63/L.63, A/C.3/63/L.64, A/C.3/63/L.65, A/C.3/63/L.66, A/C.3/63/L.67 and A/C.3/63/L.68

Draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.19/Rev.1

The representative of Chile made a statement and announced that Kyrgyzstan, Nicaragua, Palau, South Africa and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Singapore, Jamaica, the Sudan, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Syrian Arab Republic and China.

Amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.62

The representative of Egypt made a statement and announced that Saint Kitts and Nevis had joined in sponsoring the amendment.

Statements were made by the representatives of Barbados, Singapore, China, Malaysia, Timor-Leste, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, New Zealand, Swaziland, Mexico, Costa Rica and Angola.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.62, by a recorded vote of 81 to 67, with 23 abstentions.

The representative of Colombia made a statement.

The representatives of Namibia and Belize made statements regarding the vote.

Amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.63

The representative of Barbados made a statement and announced that Saint Kitts and Nevis had joined in sponsoring the amendment.

The Comoros also joined in sponsoring the amendment.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Albania, Singapore, Gabon and the United Kingdom.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.63, by a recorded vote of 87 to 60, with 22 abstentions.

Amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.64

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Federated States of Micronesia, Spain, Switzerland and Croatia.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.64, by a recorded vote of 37 to 57, with 22 abstentions.

Amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.65

The representative of Singapore made a statement and announced that Saint Kitts and Nevis had joined in sponsoring the amendment.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy, Malaysia, Egypt and Montenegro.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.65, by a recorded vote of 86 to 59, with 24 abstentions.

Amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.66

The representative of Botswana made a statement and announced that Myanmar and Saint Kitts and Nevis had joined in sponsoring the amendment.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, Barbados, Burundi, France and Argentina.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.66, by a recorded vote of 87 to 62, with 20 abstentions.

Amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.67

The representative of Barbados made a statement and announced that Saint Kitts and Nevis had joined in sponsoring the amendment.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Egypt, Singapore and Romania.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.67, by a recorded vote of 88 to 59, with 20 abstentions.

Amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.68

The representative of Singapore made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Barbados, Norway, Estonia and Uruguay.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.68, by a recorded vote of 87 to 56, with 24 abstentions.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Central African Republic (18 November 2008)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

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A/AC.183/SR.311	Meeting held on 2 September 2008, 4 p.m. [A C E F R S]

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A/63/359/Corr.1	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 3, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F, 28G, 33 and 35 related to business continuity management — Report of the Secretary-General [E (only)]
A/63/506	Item 130 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Revised estimates relating to the budget of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, for the biennium 2008-2009 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/545	Item 129 — Administration of justice at the United Nations — Administration of justice — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/547–S/2008/707	Item 83 — Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe — Letter dated 13 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/548	Item 154 — Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of The Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Letter dated 17 November 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.27/Add.1	Item 107 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Angola, Australia, Austria, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Finland, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution — Promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence — Albania, Bulgaria, Denmark, Haiti, Jordan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Slovenia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

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A/63/547–S/2008/707	Letter dated 13 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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Responses to the list of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of the third periodic report — Kyrgyzstan — List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of the third periodic report of Kyrgyzstan on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women [A C E F R S]

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